



WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH Newsletter

The Borough of Wrightsville shall commit its resources to serve the community by enforcing the laws of the State of Pennsylvania and the Ordinances of the Borough of Wrightsville by preserving tranquility, promoting a safe environment for its residents, protecting life and property, maintaining the infrastructure of the Borough, demonstrating fiscal responsibility and by upholding order for the safe and expeditious flow of traffic.

From the Desk of the Borough Secretary...

Spring begins on Friday, March 20th and although not a betting person, I bet that many cannot wait! The flowers, the birds singing, the warm weather, the outside activities...all of these are things I look forward to after the winter. A special "Thank You" to all employees for doing such a great job in keeping the community safe during the inclement weather while the rest of us were in the warmth and safety of our homes.

The Spring of 2015 will be full of activities for the community! Keep an eye out for events posted on the Borough website www.wrightsvilleborough.com and listed in this newsletter. One of the events that I am particularly looking forward to is the Community Revitalization Day on Saturday, May 2nd. With various demonstrations and community involvement, this event is geared towards increasing community engagement and investment. Wrightsville is full of history, inspiration and potential. Let's celebrate just how awesome Wrightsville truly is!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Borough 252-2768 Ext 12 & 13	Municipal Authority 252-2768 Ext 11
Fire Department 252-4770	Sewer Plant 252-3276
Police Department 252-2500	Streets Department 252-4559
Police Non-Emergency 840-2971	Water Plant 252-3711

The Borough is pleased to welcome Tammie Hoff, the new Assistant Secretary! Tammie began her employment with the Borough of Wrightsville on February 23rd and we are very lucky to have her as part of the team!

We are also happy to have Kelcie Fuller with us. Kelcie is an intern and will be with us for a total of six weeks. She assisted in creating this newsletter and we are very appreciative of all of her hard work!

MUNICIPAL BUILDING HOURS OF OPERATION

9:00AM – 2:00PM Monday – Friday

If you are unable to visit the administrative office during the hours of operation, please call to request an appointment for a time that best accommodates your schedule.

Wrightsville Borough operations will be CLOSED on the following holidays:

<u>Good Friday</u> April 3, 2015	<u>Memorial Day</u> May 25, 2015
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Spring

601 Water Street, Wrightsville, PA 17368 ~ 717-252-2768 ~ www.wrightsvilleborough.com

MAYOR'S CORNER

Wrightsville Borough Highlights 2014

- ◆ Habitat for Humanity initiates selection process for future owners of Habitat House to be built at South Front and Willow Streets in 2015.
- ◆ Vacant properties continue to be a problem, however, a number of properties have been successfully returned to use this year. Most notably in the 500 block of Hellam Street.
- ◆ National Night Out was an overwhelming success, thank you to all who attended.
- ◆ Councilman Scott Loercher was appointed to fill vacancy left by 2013 election.
- ◆ 100 and 200 blocks of Locust Street milled and paved, completing the rebuilding project started the previous year.
- ◆ Police Department personnel; Randy Wagner left Borough employment. PT officer Shawn Wilson was hired as FT officer.
- ◆ Two new crossing guards were hired. Pursuing an MOU with school district.
- ◆ Phil Smith was appointed as Eastern York Emergency Management Coordinator.
- ◆ Office assistant Natasha Brady left Borough employment.
- ◆ Emergency Operations Plan was updated.
- ◆ First meeting of Zoning Hearing Board was held.
- ◆ Eric White was appointed to Civil Service Commission.
- ◆ WBMA begins Brownfields site characterization funded by DEP.
- ◆ Riverfront Project Coordinator Ben Craddock develops implementation plan to pursue future funding for the various phases of the Riverfront Project.
- ◆ FERC grants permission to Safe Harbor Water Power to execute long term lease with Borough for park development.
- ◆ Grant funding received from Chesapeake Bay Trust (\$47K) for South Front Street redesign. Project design started.
- ◆ Storm water feasibility study undertaken by University of Maryland funded by EPA.
- ◆ New skid loader purchased jointly by Borough and WBMA.
- ◆ Constitution Square electrical service replaced by Public Works employees.
- ◆ Open burning ordinance updated.
- ◆ Police Department roof replaced.
- ◆ Ranks of the Borough Fire Police increase significantly.
- ◆ Heroin use reaches epidemic proportions in surrounding communities.
- ◆ Applied for CDBG's, received \$200K for 2016-17 to re-build 300-400 blocks of Locust Street.
- ◆ Memorial to unknown Civil War soldier placed and dedicated in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.
- ◆ Veterans Memorial Bridge received new lights.

Best wishes,



PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIME BULLETIN

Utility Scams

Be aware that individuals have contacted property owners within the Borough, informing them that their utility bill is past due with money being owed immediately or their utility will be shut off. This is not how regulated and legitimate utility companies operate. At no time would a legitimate utility company demand that a property owner must obtain and use special payment cards in order to prevent your utility to be shut off. Should you receive one of these phone calls, hang up immediately and confirm with your actual utility companies that they did not call. After doing so, place a phone call to the Police Department at 717-252-2500 informing them of the call received.

Wrightsville Fire Department

2014 Run Stats

Updated: 12/31 2014:

FIRE: 649
 MED: 218
 TOTAL: 867
 JOBS: 30
 PINS: 7

INCIDENTS BY TYPE

MED ASSISTS: 218
 MVA'S: 137
 STRUCTURE FIRES: 137
 TRANSFER ASSIGNMENT: 81
 FIRE ALARMS: 75
 DEBRIS REMOVALS: 27
 VEHICLE FIRES: 22
 GAS LEAKS: 15
 INVESTIGATION INSIDE: 15
 BRUSH FIRES: 14
 STANDBY IN QUARTERS: 14
 PUBLIC SERVICE: 13
 WIRES: 11
 TRAFFIC CONTROL: 11
 TRANSFORMERS: 9
 CONTROLLED BURN: 8
 CO INCIDENTS: 8
 TREES DOWN: 7
 WATER RESCUES: 7
 INVESTIGATION OUTSIDE: 7
 BOAT IN DISTRESS: 5
 FUEL SPILLS: 4



ASSIST PD: 3
 SPECIAL RESCUES: 3
 CHIMNEY FIRE: 2
 TRASH FIRES: 2
 SEARCH DETAILS: 2
 BARN FIRE: 1 UNK TYPE FIRE: 1
 MVA W/ FIRE: 1
 BASIC RESCUE: 1
 APPLIANCE FIRES: 1
 HAZMAT INCIDENT: 1
 PEDESTRIAN STRUCK: 1
 DUTY OFFICER: 1
 GRILL FIRES: 1

AVERAGE STAFFING

11 PERSONNEL

AVERAGE FIRE/RESCUE RESPONSE TIME

1 MINUTE, 5 SECONDS

AVERAGE QRS RESPONSE TIME

55 SECONDS

RESPONSE BY APPARATUS

RESCUE 2: 438
 RESCUE 1: 347
 WAGON: 311
 DUTY: 8
 UTILITY: 14
 TOTAL: 1,118



BOROUGH ORDINANCES

Borough Code of Ordinances to keep in mind this season...

ORDINANCE 2014-2

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING IN WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

Is it a dispute, a violation or a civil matter?

For ideas on how to resolve disputes between two parties, visit <http://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/neighbor-disputes>.

Most disputes between two parties are civil matters and should be addressed through the District Magistrate's office. *Please note that the Borough may not be able to assist you with civil matters.*

If you are concerned that an ordinance violation is occurring, and you would like to file a complaint with the Borough, the first step is to fill out a complaint form. Residential complaint forms are located in the Borough lobby and also on the Borough website: www.wrightsvilleborough.com.

*All complaints made to
Wrightsville Borough will remain
confidential.*

District Judge 19-3-11
Robert A. Eckenrode
202 Rosedale Dr.
Manchester, PA 17345
717-266-6891

PUBLIC WORKS

STREET SWEEPING

Keep an eye out for NO PARKING signs on your street on the days of street sweeping. Residents are respectfully asked to refrain from sweeping gravel/stones into piles as it makes it more difficult to be picked up by the street sweeper.

Street cleaning is around the corner!



YARD WASTE PICK-UP

Yard waste pick-up will begin on March 10, 2014. Yard waste must be placed into brown biodegradable bags or trash cans filled with ONLY yard waste. Yard waste bags can be purchased at the Borough Office for \$0.46 per bag. Any yard waste that cannot be put into bags/cans may be bundled in no more than 4' length bundles and placed by the curb.

Yard waste placed into plastic bags will NOT be picked up.

COMMUNITY

Community Revitalization Day Saturday, May 2, 2015

Community Revitalization Day is being held to rejuvenate the Wrightsville community and to bring residents together. We hope that you will join us for a fun-filled afternoon that will include:

- Fishing Demos
- Cycling Demos
- Kayaking Demos
- Tree Planting
- Samples
- Live Music
- And more!

Historic Wrightsville, Inc 2015 Events

Olde Town Night

“Wrightsville’s Architecture and Related Tidbits”

March 13, 2015

Social Hour: 6 p.m. / Program: 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

243 Hellam Street / Wrightsville, PA 17368

(Please bring a dessert to share)

Scott Mingus

“York County and Abraham Lincoln”

April 15, 2015 / 7 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

243 Hellam Street / Wrightsville, PA 17368

Heritage Day Celebration

May 23, 2015 / 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Constitution Square, Fourth and Hellam Streets,
Wrightsville

Contact Sharon Young (717) 252-1131 for more
information.

If you would like to have your upcoming community event listed in the Borough’s summer newsletter, please contact Tammie Hoff, Assistant Secretary, at assistant@wrightsvilleborough.com

2015 YORK COUNTY SENIOR GAMES

The 2015 York County Senior Games will be held June 23 through June 27, 2015. Anyone who participated in the 2014 Senior Games will automatically receive a registration booklet for the 2015 Senior Games in April. For more information or to be added to the mailing list call (717) 771-9610. Hope to see you at the Games!

All seniors who need assistance in filing their taxes may contact the Eastern Area Senior Center for an appointment. The number is: 717-252-1641. They will be available **Wednesdays and Thursdays**, starting in **February**, until **April 15, 2015**.

Spring Book and Bake Sale

The Friends of the Kreutz Creek Valley Library Center will hold their Spring Book and Bake Sale on **Friday, April 10, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Hellam Township Maintenance Building.

The Friends are still accepting gently used items, such as: books for all ages, CDs and DVDs that are in good condition. They are also accepting gently used jewelry for the Fall Book, Bake and Jewelry Sale.

Items may be dropped off at the library during open hours: M, W, & F 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tu & Th: 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The community’s help is gratefully appreciated!

Spring Ideas



March 8, 2015

daylight saving time begins!

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS / OBSERVANCES

MARCH:
17th- Saint Patrick's Day

APRIL:
3rd- Good Friday
5th- Easter Sunday
15th- Tax Day

MAY:
10th- Mother's Day
25th- Memorial Day

Spring Recipes

"Bear Lake Trail Mix"

- Ingredients:
- 2 bags regular Chex Mix
 - 1 bag Bugles
 - 1 bag Chocolate Chip Teddy Grahams
 - 1 bag Pretzel M&M's
 - 1 bag Licorice Bits
 - 1 bag Swedish Fish
 - 1 bag Goldfish crackers

Directions:
Mix all ingredients in a large bowl.

Strawberry Lemonade Slurpee

- Ingredients:
- 1 packet Lemonade Kool-Aid
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 2 cups seltzer or club soda
 - 5 large strawberries, stems removed
 - 2 1/2 cups ice

Directions:
Place all ingredients in blender. Pulse until ice is finely crushed. Serve immediately - don't forget the straw!



S t r a w b e r r y

- **Supplies:** Plastic spoons, one sheet green felt, craft paint: brown, black, white, and other colors of your choice.
- **Tools:** Sandpaper, paintbrush, toothpick, scissors, hot glue gun, green marker
- **Directions:** Sand the back side of the spoons and the handles. Paint spoons and let dry. Cut out leaves from felt. Draw on leaf veins with green marker. Cut a small hole at the base of each leaf. Insert the spoon handle into the leaf's hole and add a dab of hot glue to secure the bug to the leaf.

PERMITS

Yard Sale Information

- First three yard sales per year are free—\$25 for fourth or more per calendar year.
- Having a yard sale on two days constitutes two separate yard sales, not one.
 - License is NOT TRANSFERABLE
- You may not post yard sale posters on any utility poles or posts within the community.
 - Permit valid from 9:00am until 7:00pm ONLY
- This license is issued pursuant to the Wrightsville Borough Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13, Part 2 and must be exhibited upon request.

PARK PAVILION RESERVATION

FREE

- Include number of tables needed when submitting reservation
- Borough Streets Department will set up tables prior to event

Effective Stormwater Management

ADOPT-A-STORM DRAIN

It is very important that we work together to keep our storm drains working at 100% capacity at all times. Leaves, grass clippings, trash, branches, etc. can cause blockage which may result in dangerous street flooding if a storm hits.

Please report any damaged or blocked storm drain inlets right away by calling the Streets Department at 252-4559.

Check out these informational links:

www.cbf.org

www.epa.gov

www.stormwaterpa.org

www.cleanwateraction.org

www.nature.org

www.srb.net



Springtime Tips

- Avoid overwatering your garden.
- Remember to ALWAYS pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it properly.
- Clean up vehicle spills and leaks with kitty litter, sand or sawdust – Never wash away with water.
 - If you want your car to sparkle, take it to a commercial car wash.
 - Keep your grass clippings off the driveway, sidewalk and street.

WATER SEWER REFUSE

Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority



General Questions

252-2768 Ext 11

Billing Questions

252-2768 Ext 11

Sewer/Refuse Department

252-3276

Water Department

252-3711

W/S/R Emergency

252-2768 Ext 18

To better serve our residents, we are asking that emergency numbers for the Authority only be used in the event of a water or sewer emergency.

BOARD MEMBERS

Phillip Landis - Chairman
 Gary Ishman - Vice Chairman
 Fred Smeltzer - Secretary/Treasurer

Joe Giandalia
 Ron Abel
 Ken Stoner
 Rick McDonald

Meeting Dates

April 9, 2015
 May 14, 2015
 June 11, 2015

Lorri Harmer

Office Manager
 lharmer@wrightsvilleborough.com

Keith Brenner

Finance Officer

Brian Lyle

General Manager

PAPERLESS BILLING

If you would like to receive your water bill electronically, please email Lorri Harmer with the

email address with which you would like to receive your water bill. Please include your account number and service address in this email as well.

BILL DUE DATES

April 8, 2015
 May 6, 2015
 June 3, 2015
 July 8, 2015

SWIFT REACH INFORMATION

In our efforts to provide more reliable communication with residents and businesses, we have implemented Swift Reach Networks, Inc. as our Emergency Notification System. Swift 911 in its simplest form is a system that makes phone calls to specific people or areas in the event of an emergency or for sharing important information. All calls you receive will have the Caller ID of "Wrightsville Borough Municipal Authority".

Sign up online at:
www.wrightsvilleborough.com/swiftreach.htm

ELECTRICTRONIC RECYCLING

York County Solid Waste Authority
 All York County residents and businesses may participate.

(717) 845-1066
 Yard Waste Transfer Site
 Flour Mill Road
 York, PA 17406

Weekends: 3rd Sat. of every month, 9 AM to 1 PM

LARGE ITEM TICKETS

If you have a large item you would like to dispose of, you must purchase a Large Item Ticket from the Borough office. Item and pricing lists are available online and in the lobby of the Borough office. Large item pickup day is every Friday.

Payment must be in the form of a check or money order payable to WBMA.

WATER BILL CHANGES

Your future monthly bill will consist of three charges PER ACCOUNT:

- A Minimum Fee, which includes 0 - 2,000 gallons of water. This will be reduced by \$4.48 from the previous rate.
- A Debt Service Fee of \$28.93 will be added to cover the cost of sewer treatment plant upgrades. This fee will be shown separately on the bill.
- A Usage Fee, which includes any consumption over 2,000 gallons of water. This remains at \$3.75/thousand gallons.

The debt service fee will cover the cost of financing for the required upgrades to our wastewater treatment plant to meet Chesapeake Bay quality limits.

TAXES

NAME: Edward Keller
ADDRESS: 226 Locust Street
PHONE #: 252-2382
FAX #: 252-2883
DAYS AVAILABLE:
 Monday thru Friday - 10AM-4PM
 Saturday - 9AM-11AM

What if I do not receive my bill?

Contact the tax collector if you haven't received a bill after the 25th of February or July - depending on the type of tax.

When do I get my tax bill?

<u>February 15th</u>	<u>July 15th</u>
County Real Estate	School Real Estate
Borough Real Estate	School Per Capita
Borough Per Capita	

PLEASE NOTE

No checks may be accepted after December 15th. School tax installment dates are listed on your bill.

What is the best way to contact the tax collector?

Telephone. No calls after 8PM
 Monday thru Friday, any Sunday or on holidays.

How long do I have to get my taxes paid?

Discount amount - Within 60 days of the tax bill due date.
 Face amount - Between 61-120 days after the tax bill due date.
 Penalty amount - Between 121 days after the tax bill due date and December 31st of the current year.

How can I pay my taxes?

Cash? YES
 Check? YES
 Money Order? YES
 Credit Card? NO

What happens if I do not pay my taxes?

In January of the following year, unpaid Real Estate taxes are turned over to York County Tax Claim Bureau. Unpaid Per Capita taxes are then turned over to York Adams Tax Claim Bureau.

Can I be exempt from paying Per Capita taxes?

You may be eligible for exemption from School Per Capita tax if any of the following pertain to you:

- ✓ If you are over 65 years of age.
- ✓ If you and your spouse have a total gross income of less than \$10,000.00.
- ✓ You (as a single person) have a gross income of less than \$5,000.00.

There is no eligibility for Borough Per Capita tax exemption.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

For those in need of help this season and for those wanting to help, please call the numbers listed in this section!

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

By appointment, please call:
 717-252-4429

The Food Bank needs nutritious, non-perishable foods.

COMMUNITY CLOTHING BANK

By appointment, please call:
 717-252-2609

Any Eastern York School District family is welcome!!

Life Campus
 314 Locus Street
 Wrightsville, PA 17368



Victory Campus
 404 Hellam Street
 Wrightsville, PA 17368

PHONE NUMBERS & LINKS TO KEEP HANDY

Columbia Gas 1-888-460-4332	Comcast 1-800-XFINITY (1-800-934-6489)	Eastern York School District 252-1555
Historic Wrightsville 252-1169	Hellam Township 434-1300	Lower Windsor Township 244-6813
NewPA 1-866-GO-NEWPA (1-866-466-3971)	PA Dog Licenses Online www.padoglicense.com	PA Fish & Boat Commission 705-7800 www.fish.state.pa.us
PA Game Commission 787-4250	PA Historic Sites www.worldweb.com	PA Senate www.pasen.gov
PennDOT 787-2838	Pleasant Acres Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 840-7100	PPL 1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775)
Rabbit Transit 846-RIDE (846-7433)	Rotary Club of Eastern York County 854-7842	Verizon 1-800-VERIZON (1-800-837-4966)
Visit PA www.visitpa.com	York County 911 (Non-Emergency) 840-2971	York County Archives 840-7222
York County Area Agency on Aging 771-9610	York County Court Administrators Office 771-9234	York County Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA) 771-9754
York County Divorce Masters 771-9333	York County Domestic Relations 771-9605	York County Drug & Alcohol Commission 771-9222
York County Health Choices Management Unit 771-9900	York County Human Services 771-9347	York County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program 771-9618
York County Parks & Recreation 840-7440	York County Prison 840-7580	York County Probation (Adult) 771-9602
York County Probation (Juvenile) 771-9567	York County Prothonotary 771-9611	York County Recorder of Deeds 771-9295
York County Register of Wills 771-9607	York County Solid Waste Authority 845-1066	York County SPCA 764-6109
York County Veterans Affairs 771-9218	York County Elections / Voter Registration Office 771-9604	York County Youth Development Center 840-7570

SEE YOU NEXT SEASON!!

~BOROUGH OFFICIALS~

WARD 1

Greg Scritchfield
Council President

Vacant

WARD 2

Ed Sipes
Councilman

Crystal Bolton
Councilwoman

Neil Habecker
Mayor

WARD 3

Scott Loercher
Councilman

Kathy Abel
Councilwoman

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH MUNICIPAL OFFICE



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Wrightsville, PA 1738
Phone: 717-252-2768
Ext 11- Municipal Authority
Ext 12 & 13 - Borough
Fax: 717-252-0725
www.wrightsvilleborough.com

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Riverfront Park Master Plan - Pre-Final
Borough of Wrightsville, Pennsylvania
March 2011

